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SUBJECT: Military Analyst's Newsletter

I've just seen the latest edition of the DI
Military Analyst's Newsletter. It's very
good. My thanks to you and the others who had
this idea and have done the work to make it
happen.

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THE DI MILITARY ANALYST'S NEWSLETTER

This is the second in a series of aperiodic newsletters for DI military analysts. Produced under the auspices of the DI's Military Functional Advisory Panel (MFAP) and the Intelligence Training Division of the Office of Training and Education, its purpose is to foster communications across office boundaries among analysts dealing with military issues. Each newsletter contains information on military papers, training opportunities, and events judged to be of particular value to military analysts.

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II. Demonstrations

Armed Forces Day is the occasion for major military demonstrations that provide an opportunity for military analysts to improve their knowledge, particularly of weapons systems. This year the two major demonstrations in this area take place a week apart.

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Aberdeen

On 10 May, Aberdeen Proving Ground is host for an all-day affair beginning at 0900 that involves static displays of weapons, a parachute drop, an Air Force flyover, the reenactment of two Civil War battles involving infantry, cavalry, and artillery; and a live firing demonstration, including a comparison of the M60A3 and M1 tanks, and the M113 armored personnel carrier and the M2/Bradley armored fighting vehicle. Events conclude at 1700 with a Retreat ceremony.

Andrews

On 17 May, Andrews Air Force base is host for the annual DOD Joint Services Open House. The gates open at 0830 and scheduled events include two Pterodactyl flights; flyover and aerial demonstrations by F-4s, F-15s, AV8B Harriers, A-10s, FRG Tornados, Apache helicopters, and the Blue Angels; a Marine rappelling demonstration; and a parapdrop by the Army's Golden Knights. The program concludes at 1530.

III. Training

Military Analysis Survey

The Military Analysis Survey Course (MAS) is designed for supervisors, senior analysts, and staff officers concerned with military issues, but whose background is in some other discipline. The MAS is intended to provide a basic familiarity with the unique requirements of military analysis, particularly as concerns forces. It also deals with career development of military analysts. The next running of the MAS is scheduled for 2-6 June 1986. The registration deadline is 16 May.

Military Analysis Course

The next running of the Military Analysis Course is scheduled for 29 September - 7 November. Early registration is recommended. The deadline is 9 September.

Defense Industries Analysis Course

The next running of the DIAC is scheduled for 17-21 November

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Advanced and Specialized Training

Experienced military analysts have expressed, and a recent Product Evaluation Staff study has confirmed, a need for advanced or specialized training in analysis and force operations. Next month OTE will initiate an effort to identify specific subjects of interest, as well as the potential audience. The effort will encompass both analysts and managers in the Directorate of Intelligence.

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IV. Third World Military Analyst Seminar Series

The monthly seminars on topics of interest to DI Third World military analysts continue to draw good crowds. Regular attendance should provide any analyst with broader perspective, new insights to military analytic problems and analytic approaches. Several of the seminar presentations have been videotaped and are available from DI/MPS/PES. They can be viewed at Headquarters.

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V. Other Items of Interest

Videotape

In March, retired Army General Paul Gorman, former Commander of the U.S. Southern Command and former NIO for General Purpose Forces, addressed an Agency audience on the topic of Central America: Two Estimates.

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Books

Public literature on military operations continues to expand. Four recent books recommended for their insight into force operations and the use of military force are:

Max Hastings' Overlord: D-day, the Battle of Normandy, which contains an in-depth analysis of tactical operations conducted by both sides during the Allied invasion of Europe in 1944.

Jim and Sybil Stockdale's In Love and War. Although focused largely on Admiral Stockdale's captivity in North Vietnam, contains some valuable material on carrier and air operations in the early chapters. Stockdale was involved with both incidents that led to the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, and also led the first air strike on the North Vietnamese mainland.

General Bruce Palmer's The 25-Year War: America's Military Role in Vietnam. One of the most thoughtful works produced on that conflict. This volume should be read and studied by military analysts and policymakers alike.

Lou Nordeen's Air Warfare in the Missile Age. Dealing with developments in operations, tactics, and weapons over the last two decades. This volume should be on the reference shelf of every analyst concerned with air forces.